

# STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL

Services to Children and Youth with a  
Behavioral Health Need

# State Interagency Council Mission Statement

*Promoting healthy children across Kentucky:*  
Building collaborative partnerships to  
promote children's social and emotional  
needs where they live, learn and play.

# History

- ▣ Representative Tom Burch sponsored successful legislation in the 1990 General Assembly, resulting in the creation of Kentucky Interagency Mobilization for Progress in Adolescent and Child Treatment (IMPACT). The new law established the State Interagency Council (SIAC), the Regional Interagency Councils (RIACs) and Local Interagency Councils (LIACs) to oversee and carry out the work of KY IMPACT in all 120 counties of the state. The structure and areas of responsibility for each Council is defined in Kentucky Revised Statutes 200:501-509.

# Landmark Legislation

The 1990 legislation (KRS 200.501-509) :

- Created coordinated policy development, comprehensive planning and collaborative budgeting for children with emotional disabilities and their families at state, regional & local levels
- Emphasized the need to build and develop community-based services centered on the needs of the individual child and family
- Established SIAC and RIACs and provided for the formation of LIACs

# Landmark Legislation

- ▣ IMPACT is administered at the state level by the SIAC and on the local level by 18 RIACs within 15 area development districts.
- ▣ SIAC and RIACs provide state & local level oversight of programming & support for youth with behavioral health needs.
- ▣ RIAC provides oversight to their regional KY IMPACT Program and the Service Coordinators that work directly with families.
- ▣ Each RIAC is Chaired by a staff person from DCBS.
- ▣ Each RIAC is staffed by a Local Resource Coordinator (LRC) who provides support to the RIAC members and serves as a link for caregivers and community members. LRCs also serve as the program administrator for KY IMPACT and supervision to Service Coordinators providing case management to families.

# Goals of the SIAC, RIACs, LIACs and KY IMPACT are to:

- ▣ Increase and improve available services
- ▣ Coordinate services more effectively using interagency involvement and collaboration, reduce dependency on psychiatric hospitalization
- ▣ Increase the use of community based services

# Required SIAC Membership (KRS 200.505)

- ▣ Parent Representative
- ▣ Youth Representative
- ▣ Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
- ▣ Department for Community Based Services (DCBS)
- ▣ Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
- ▣ Department for Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- ▣ Department for Medicaid Services (DMS)
- ▣ Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID)
- ▣ Department for Public Health (DPH)
- ▣ Family Resource & Youth Services Centers (FRYSC)
- ▣ Commission for Children w/Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN)



# SIAC Responsibilities

## (KRS 200.505)

- ▣ Make recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission annually
- ▣ Direct and Advise RIACs per SIAC Policies & Procedures
- ▣ Assess effectiveness of RIACs in meeting service needs of children/ youth with behavioral health needs
- ▣ Promote services that focus on prevention
- ▣ Adopt Interagency Agreements



# Regional Interagency Council RIAC

## Required RIAC Membership

(KRS 200.509)

- ▣ Department for Community Based Services (Chairperson)
- ▣ Community Mental Health Center Children's Services Director
- ▣ Education
- ▣ Court Designated Worker
- ▣ Parent Representative/Parent Alternate
- ▣ Local Health Department
- ▣ Department for Juvenile Justice
- ▣ Other local public or private agency that provides services to children

# Required RIAC Membership

## (KRS 200.509)

- ▣ KY IMPACT is in 18 Regions of the state and provides services and supports based on nationally recognized System of Care values and principles, using the Wraparound Process. IMPACT is designed to provide strength-based, family-focused, individualized services & supports to youth up to age 21 designated by their local RIAC as having a severe emotional disability (SED) [KRS 200.503(2)] and are in need of case management services [907 KAR 1:525 (1)(c)]. These youth have complex treatment needs and are at risk of being placed in a higher level of psychiatric care without this intensive intervention. KY IMPACT is administered at the local level by 18 RIACs within the 15 area development districts in KY.

# Duties of RIACs to the SIAC

## KRS 200.509

- ▣ Advise SIAC regarding evidence based & best practices for service delivery/ resource development to address the needs of children.
- ▣ Monitor needs/trends and notify SIAC of concerns that cannot be addressed at the community level.
- ▣ Implement the uniform grievance procedure.
- ▣ Develop periodic reports to SIAC that include the number of children referred and the progress made in meeting the needs of each child & reports on the development of evidence based and best practices within their system of care.
- ▣ Implement Memoranda of Understanding and other processes for case consultation; provide periodic updates to SIAC.

# RIAC Functions:

- ❑ Gatekeeper for entry and exit from the KY IMPACT program
- ❑ Certifies that a child meets criteria for case management (MAP Form) for Medicaid;
- ❑ Provides program consultation/technical assistance for quality resource development/ delivery;
- ❑ Provides requested program consultation/technical assistance on behalf of an individual child with complex needs regardless of their eligibility for KY IMPACT;
- ❑ Promotes services and supports to prevent the emotional disability of a child;
- ❑ Provides oversight of the RIAC funding that supports the program infrastructure as well as the unfunded necessary resources for children/youth to meet the goals indicated on their individual plan developed through the Wraparound process;
- ❑ Promotes continuous quality improvement supported by information to & from RIACs/ SIAC

# State Family Advisory Council (SFAC)

- ▣ **Purpose:** To provide support to all families on issues that are important to parents and children served through the SIAC/RIACs.
- ▣ **Authority:** The State Family Advisory Council is established as an autonomously functioning council in KRS 200.503.
- ▣ **Services:** SFAC provide training, consultation, or referral information to any one, including agency staff and families.
- ▣ **Members:** Composed of SIAC/RIAC/LIAC Parent Representatives/Alternates and all parent members of Regional Policy Councils.



# Statewide & Regional Youth Councils

## *(KY YOUTH MOVE)*

- ▣ KY's Statewide Youth Council is an 18 member council that advises the KPFC Board of Directors. Members are 14-26 and have an emotional or behavioral health diagnosis or disorder. The Statewide Youth Council works to reduce stigma, to promote a youth-guided approach, and to provide youth voice at all levels of the system of care.
- ▣ Statewide Youth Council meets approximately 5 times a year to focus on issues related to children's mental health. Members have opportunities throughout the year to serve as youth trainers, mentor and coach other youth, present workshops, attend conferences, serve on councils, committees, and boards.
- ▣ Regional Youth Councils are usually started and supported through the Kentucky IMPACT program and the regional community mental health center.
- ▣ Regional Youth Councils are for youth with emotional and behavioral disorders & meet once a month to focus on areas such as independent living skill development, peer support and mentoring, youth leadership, and community service.